

Arthur Newman's will and estate summary

In his will, **Arthur** provided for his sister **Sarah**'s lifetime support from his farm on Big Creek in Pulaski, to be operated by his executor, daughter **Nannie C. Wood**. Arthur's instructions were that his estate, real and personal, was not to be divided until after Sarah's death, and then to be sold, with one share each to go to **Abraham W. Newman, Catherine Hunt, Nannie C. Wood, Georgia Daniel, Susan Partin, and Alice F. Frink**, and one share to go to **Laura and Hawkins Kinchen**, the children of his deceased daughter, Anna. There was a separate bequest of \$100 each to the Kinchen grandchildren. Arthur's will made no mention of his daughter **Jane**.

On petition March 8th, the court ordered that all heirs at law appear and show cause why Arthur's will should not be proved and admitted to record, and that said heirs be personally served with notice and a copy of the petition. All of the named heirs were so served, as was Arthur's daughter Jane, now **Mrs. S.J. Matthews**. At court on April 2nd, Arthur's will was proved and admitted to record; **W.H. Kinchen** was appointed *guardian ad litem* of his children, Laura and Hawkins; and an appraisement of Arthur's estate was ordered (a record I've not yet found). In apparent contravention of Arthur's will, a public sale of his personal estate was held on December 6th, and brought in \$955.63.

In the return on **Arthur**'s estate entered into record on 2 Mar 1889, **Sarah Newman** was witness on a number of receipts wherein the executor paid various people for work done on the estate; i.e., washing, picking and chopping cotton, pulling fodder, cutting and hauling oats. Among the receipts there is one for "one suit of clothes (Buriell)" and a pair of shoes on March 6th; casket and hearse on March 7th; payment to **W.G. Hunt** "for crying property at the sale of the personalty of said deceased"; payment to W.H. Kinchen, \$100 each "in full and final settlement of the specific legacy bequeathed" to **Hawkins and Laura Kinchen**; and "partial payment of my distributive share as one of the legatees" to **A.W. Newman, Mrs. Alice F. Frink, Georgia Daniel, Susan Partin, Catherine Hunt, Mrs. N.C. Wood** and W.H. Kinchen in behalf of his children Laura and Hawkins.

Arthur's sister **Sarah** died sometime in 1889, according to Nannie's petition to the court at the November term of court (probably after the Aug 1889 term). On December 2nd, the court gave Nannie leave to sell the plantation known as Big Creek, "composed of lots and parts of lots" in the 4th district, numbered 248, 249, 232 and 233 and totaling about 535 acres.